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I Sam. ii. 10 as Illustrative of Gen. vi. 3.

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IN commenting upon Gen. vi. 3, Dr. Dillmann follows Gesenius in preferring for יִרְדָּי the meaning *be abased* or *degraded*, from the corresponding Arabic root, *be low*; and he translates, "My spirit shall not be degraded (or lower himself) in man forever." It has occurred to the writer that an important illustration of this meaning is found in 1 Sam. ii. 10, and he would make יִרְדָּי of that passage Hiph'il from יִרְדָּי rather than Qāl from יִרְדָּי, *judge*.

In the ninth verse of Hannah's song, the contrast is brought out between the treatment by God of the righteous and of the wicked, and this contrast is continued through verse 10. Instead of the rendering "judge," substitute "abase," and the contrast is rendered more emphatic, as follows:—

10. They that strive with Jehovah shall be broken in pieces;
 Against them shall he thunder in heaven:
 Jehovah shall ^{abase}_{judge} the ends of the earth;
 But he shall give strength unto his king,
 And exalt the horn of his anointed.

This is proposed, in order that it may be corrected, if untenable.

The Williams Manuscript.

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RESPECTING my article on the Williams Manuscript, in the JOURNAL for 1884, more study and decipherment has enabled me to correct sundry conclusions respecting the genesis of the Manuscript.

The Manuscript is a contemporaneous copy of the original work of the unknown compiler (whom I suppose to have been a Malabar Indian Syrian); and is also a copy *made by the hand of Suleimân* (Selimûn, Solomon), the youth for whom the original compiler did his work. Suleimân was a dear friend of Daûd esh-Shâmi el-Homsî (*i.e.*, David the Syrian of Homs), and wrote it for the latter. The original was the first Syriac MS. of the Acts and Catholic Epistles and Pauline Epistles which he had seen that contained *seven* Catholic Epistles, and he procured this copy for his own use. The word which